

# Exhibit A.4



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In Reply refer to  
FOIA Control #:  
2021-5683

Requester reference:  
IR#0546

Dear Requester:

This is in reference to your request(s) for record(s) from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

All data and information for the Pfizer Vaccine enumerated in 21 C.F.R. § 601.51(e) with the exception of publicly available reports on the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System.

The Electronic Freedom of Information Act (EFOIA) Amendments of 1996 amended the FOIA by adding section (a)(6)(E), 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(6)(E), to require agencies to consider requests for expedited processing and grant them whenever a "compelling need" is shown and in other cases as determined by the agency. The term "compelling need" is defined as (1) involving "an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual," or (2) in the case of a request made by "a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity."

I have determined that your request for expedited processing does not meet the criteria under the FOIA. You have not demonstrated a compelling need that involves an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. Neither have you demonstrated that there exists an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity. Therefore, I am denying your request for expedited processing. The responding agency office will process your request in the order in which it was received.

You have the right to appeal this determination. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be mailed within 90 days from the date of this response, to: Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat, US Food & Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1050, Rockville, MD 20857, E-mail: [FDAFOIA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:FDAFOIA@fda.hhs.gov). Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter "FDA Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may also contact the FDA FOIA Public Liaison, Office of the Executive Secretariat, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1050, Rockville, MD 20857; email: [FDAFOIA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:FDAFOIA@fda.hhs.gov).

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road—OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, Telephone: 202-741-5770, Toll-Free: 1-877-684-6448, E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov), Fax: 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

SARAH KOTLER  
Director